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- There are over 400 metal workers' cooperatives in the Zaglebie area, which
 includes Bedzin (Q51/Y67), Sosnowiec (Q51/Y67), and Dahrowa Gornicza (Q51/Y77).
 Each cooperative bears the same name, Spoldzielnia Metalowcow. The central
 administration is located at ulica Kosciuszki No. 22, Bedzin.
- 2. One of the cooperatives is located at ulica Malachowskiego No. 42, Bedzin. It makes copies of a Danish chair for urological examinations and iron bedsteads for hospitals and workers' dormitories.
- 3. A branch of Centrosprzet (Central Trade Office for Medical Equipment) in Warsaw buys the hospital equipment, and the Ministry of Industrial Construction receives the bedsteads.
- 4. In the latter part of 1952 the Ministry of Industrial Construction placed orders for thousands of bedsteads with the above and similar cooperatives. The orders resulted from a new directive to large industrial enterprises to provide dormitories for workers and to new enterprises to build dormitories at the same time as factories.
- 5. One such dormitory is being built at a village approximately six kilometers from Krakow, where work was begun in September 1952 on a bridge across the Vistula to link the Nowa Huta works with Krakow.

